

MINNESOTA TRANSFER OF ASSETS 1115**FACT SHEET**

Name of Section 1115 Demonstration:	Minnesota Transfer of Assets
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SUMMARY

The State of Minnesota is requesting authority to delay the start of the penalty period for transferring assets at less than fair market value to qualify for assistance from the month in which the transfer is made, to the month in which the beneficiary qualifies for Medicaid. The look-back period for asset transfers would also be extended from 36 months to 72 months. Reimbursement for the entire Medicaid benefit (as opposed to only long-term care services) would be prohibited during the penalty period. Minnesota is also looking to apply transfer prohibitions to all assets, including those currently listed in statute as excluded from look-back provisions. Additional provisions would impact transfers of homesteads to relatives, transfers of trusts, and transfers to spouses. The State is seeking to increase personal responsibility and prevent artificial impoverishment to qualify for Medical Assistance.

ELIGIBILITY

Any individual applying for Medicaid would be impacted by this demonstration.

BENEFIT PACKAGE

All Medicaid State plan services would not be provided for the duration of the penalty period.

ENROLLMENT PROCESS

The current Medicaid application process will be maintained. The Minnesota Department of Human Services Health Care Administration supervises county administration of eligibility determinations.

DELIVERY SYSTEM

The current Medicaid delivery system will remain in place.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

- The current Medicaid quality assurance mechanisms will remain in place.

COST-SHARING

Individuals would be responsible for all health care expenses for the duration of the penalty period.

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